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**Resource:** **Home Improvement Reference Center**

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## **Why We Recommend It:**

- Designed to assist homeowners and DIY enthusiasts, Home Improvement Reference Center features informative resources for maximizing your home repair, maintenance, decorating and remodeling projects.
- Step-by-step instructions are presented in high-quality PDF files for thousands of plumbing, woodworking, electrical, outdoor improvement, home & garden or decorating/design projects.
- The easy-to-navigate interface makes quick work of finding information on home improvements needs. Use the search box, browse by categories, check out the toolbox, or be inspired by “project spotlight” features.
- Home Improvement Reference Center provides tools for understanding the “nuts and bolts” of D-I-Y home improvements, as well as the technicalities of working with professionals and contractors.

## **What You'll Find Here:**

- In addition to full text magazine articles, Home Improvement Reference Center features 24 major reference works in full text – including 10,000+ illustrative images – sourced from by Creative Publishing International
- Approximately 100 videos on popular home repair projects bring materials and techniques to life.
- A glossary of terms, plus a conversion chart, to demystify the technicalities. Searchable special interest publications enhance the basics, while the photo gallery showcases the best of kitchen and bathroom projects.
- Tips and tools on budgeting and planning help you tackle project costs and timelines. Create a permanent record of your home and its systems with the “Homeowners Journal” template.

## **Getting to the Information:**

- Search by keyword, and view combined results – or separate by type of publication or category.
- Browse an A-Z topics list, or start with a home improvement category and drill down to specifics.

**Access Tips / Key Details:** This service is accessible through the library system's website without meeting additional technical requirements.